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COMMODORE WILLING TO EXCHANGE EQUIPMENT

Commodore Business Machines has advised our Treasurer, Bruce Nelson that they are willing to exchange out-of-warranty equipment through their service department. They do not repair equipment but are willing to exchange at the following rates.

VIC 20	\$ 35.00
COMMODORE 64	\$ 55.00
1541 DISK DRIVE	\$ 85.00
1525 PRINTER	\$ 75.00
1701 MONITOR	\$ 95.00
1702 MONITOR	\$ 95.00

If you have equipment which needs repair, this may be a less expensive alternative. Their address is 4350 North Beltwood Parkway, Dallas - (214) 458-1000. Be certain to include manuals and/or connection cables that you also want to exchange. It is suggested that you call first as stock is limited and they may have to restock before filling your order. New merchandise will have a 30 day warranty from Commodore. You may call between 9 and 11 a.m. or 1 and 4 p.m.

*** PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ***

I'm very excited about the coming year and especially the January 21st meeting. Because we are expecting a large turnout for the open house, we have changed the meeting place to the Brookside Recreation Center, 1244 Brookside Drive in Hurst. We have invited area businesses to attend and display merchandise and services available to Commodore users.

The first newsletter of 1984 will be mailed to all members, past and present. However, in order to receive the February newsletter you must be a current member. If you have not joined for 1984, you may do so at the January meeting. Annual dues are \$20. (A membership form can be found in this newsletter.)

1984 brings a new format for the club. We have received and approved petitions for three area chapters. The charters were granted by the Board of Directors and we now have chapters in Arlington, HEB, and West Fort Worth. In February these chapters hold their first official meetings. During these meetings, the members will elect chapter officers, set a regular meeting time and place, and decide on a name for each chapter. There will be a MCC Club officer at each meeting to preside until a chapter president is elected.

We need people to volunteer their help not only in the main club but in the chapters as well. If you have wanted more input in club decisions and activities, this is your chance to be heard. VOLUNTEER to run as a chapter officer or serve as a group leader. These chapters will be successful only with your participation.

With everyone's help and support, we can look forward to a year of growth and a great deal of fun as we share knowledge, programs and fellowship.

Diane

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The January meeting of the MCCC Board of Directors was held Saturday, January 7, at the home of President Diane Dews. Attending were Diane, Ken Widner, Steve Stockdale, Bruce Nelson, Barbara Cramer, Leonard Parker, Jesse Cardin and Gary Wordelman.

Bruce announced that we have had 171 membership renewals so far and 33 new memberships. He recently purchased 500 disks which will be for sale at the next meeting, Jan. 21, at cost. The treasury has a balance of \$2593.83.

The board discussed buying an MSD Dual Disk Drive for the librarian. Leonard has had trouble copying some of the library's disks with the club's 1541. Because of the demands for library programs and the anticipated growth of the club, the board decided to buy the MSD Disk Drive and trade the 1541 for a new one (for \$85.00). The new 1541 will be used by Jesse Cardin for the VIC 20 library.

The board also approved the petitions to form the HEB, Ft. Worth and Arlington chapters.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing plans for the Open House at the Jan. 21st meeting, and the organization of the new chapters. The next board meeting will be held Feb. 4th at a place and time to be decided.

1983-4 SOFTWARE CATALOG

The new Software Catalog with an Expanded Directory will be available in limited quantities at the January meeting. This catalog is 39 pages in length and includes a short description of each program. The cost for this catalog will be \$2.50 (This is slightly BELOW our printing expense.)

The Condensed Version of the Catalog will be available at NO CHARGE to members who did not receive one in last November's Newsletter.

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* NEXT MEETING : SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 at 1:30 PM *
* BROOKSIDE RECREATION CENTER *
* 1244 BROOKSIDE *
* (South of Doc's Barbeque *
* on Bedford-Eules Road.) *
* DO NOT use Doc's BBQ for parking. *
* CARS WILL BE TOWED AWAY. *
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SEE MAP ON PAGE 8.

DISK DIRECTORY PRINT

For those of you with a need to be neat and organized, here is the procedure for printing the directory for each of your disks. You may then use the printout as a label or simply store it with the disks. It will give your library that "well-groomed look" and make it much easier to find any program.

This procedure will work on the Gemini 10, Gemini 10X, Commodore 1525. We suspect that it will probably work on other printers (suitably interfaced) as well.

1. Insert disk for desired directory.
2. Type - LOAD "\$",8 (RETURN)
3. Type - OPEN 4,4,2 (RETURN)
4. Type - CMD 4 (RETURN)
5. Type - LIST (RETURN)
6. Type - PRINT # 4, CLOSE 4 (RETURN)

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1 POKE56,208:POKE55,0:F=0:C=PEEK(55)-120:IFC<0THENC=C+256:F=-1
2 D=PEEK(56)+F:POKE55,C:POKE56,D
3 S=828:I=146:GOSUB100:PRINT"PART 1 DONE"
4 REM *****
5 REM FROM NOV, '83 COMPUTE GAZETTE
6 REM ADDITIONS BY G. WORDELMAN 12/83
7 REM *****
8 PRINT:PRINT" USE ':' FOR MULTIPLE STATEMENTS"
9 PRINT" USE '+/' FOR RETURN":PRINT" RUN/STOP-RESTORE WILL CLEAR COMMANDS":PRINT
10 DATA32,198,3,165,55,133,251,133,253,165,56,133,252,133,254,169
15 DATA49,133,167,169,133,133,168,169,13,32,210,255,169,70,32,210
20 DATA255,165,167,32,210,255,169,61,32,210,255,169,63,32,210,255
25 DATA169,32,32,210,255,32,207,255,72,160,0,165,168,145,55,104
30 DATA32,198,3,201,13,240,14,201,95,208,2,169,13,145,55,32
35 DATA207,255,76,124,3,230,167,165,167,41,1,208,10,24,165,168
40 DATA105,4,133,168,76,170,3,56,165,168,233,3,133,168,165,167
45 DATA201,57,144,163,120,169,L0,141,20,3,169,H0,141,21,3,88
50 DATA169,0,133,167,32,68,166,76,116,164,166,55,208,2,198,56
55 DATA198,55,96
56 S=PEEK(55)+256*PEEK(56):I=120:GOSUB100:PRINT"PART 2 DONE"
57 SYS(820)
58 END
60 DATA165,167,240,59,160,0,177,251,32,L99,H0,176,12,165,55,197
65 DATA251,208,21,165,56,197,252,208,15,169,0,133,167,165,253,133
70 DATA251,165,254,133,252,76,49,234,166,198,177,251,157,119,2,230
75 DATA198,32,L111,H0,165,198,201,11,144,204,230,167,76,49,234,165
80 DATA215,32,L99,H0,176,3,76,49,234,165,0,41,1,208,247,160
85 DATA0,177,251,197,215,208,6,32,L111,H0,76,L6,H0,32,L111,H0
90 DATA76,L81,H0,201,133,144,6,201,141,176,2,56,96,24,96,166
95 DATA251,208,2,198,252,198,251,96,0,0
100 F=0:FORD=STOS+I:READA$:IFASC(A$)<58THENA=VAL(A$):GOTO115
105 IFASC(A$)=76THENA=VAL(RIGHT$(A$,LEN(A$)-1))+PEEK(55):IFA>255THENA=A-256:F=1
110 IFASC(A$)=72THENA=VAL(RIGHT$(A$,LEN(A$)-1))+PEEK(56)+F:F=0
115 POKED,A:NEXT:RETURN

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READY.

At some time or another, every programmer comes across a piece of information that everyone takes for granted as 'common knowledge'. For the new programmer it is often frustrating to discover these priceless pokes as they are usually buried in a lengthy volume of technical material. This can be very frustrating for the novice who is just beginning to understand the language. Here are some useful shortcuts from Danny Oxford.

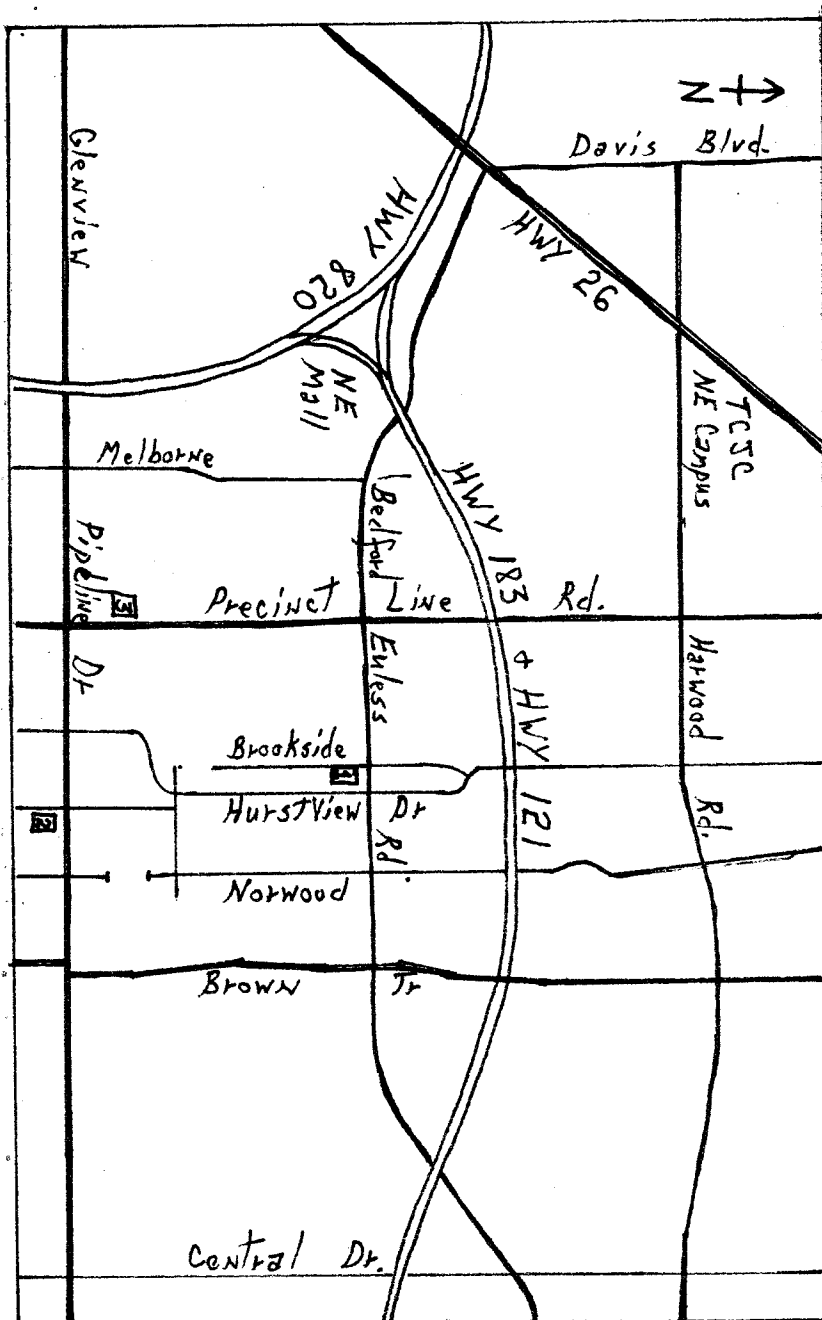
1. For repeat keying (pressing a key to repeat that character without lifting) use POKE 650,128.
2. To disable the Run/Stop key use POKE788,53.
3. To re-enable the Run/Stop key use POKE788,49.
4. To move the cursor to line "X" use POKE 214,X. ("X" may be any number.)

ODDS AND ENDS

Anyone interested in helping to organize chapter meetings please plan to attend the Board of Directors meeting, Feb.4th, 10:00 a.m., at the Hurst Recreation Center, 700 Mary Drive.

Jesse Carden will have information regarding the VIC 20 library at the next MCC Club meeting. He will also be taking requests for copies of the library on either tape or disk.

The first area chapter meetings have been scheduled by the Board of Directors for Saturday, Feb. 18th. At this time each chapter will organize their meetings at a time and location agreeable to all. The locations of these meetings will be published in the newsletter as soon as they are available.



1. BROOKSIDE CENTER
2. HURST RECREATION CENTER
3. HURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

This handy utility program will merge two program files provided the line numbers are different in both programs. For example, if Program "A" is numbered from 0-300, Program "B" should be numbered anywhere from 301 to the limit. Our thanks to Danny Oxford for sharing this program.

Step 1. Load Program File "A".

Step 2. Press shifted (CLR-HOME) key.

Step 3. Type - PRINT PEEK(43),PEEK(44). This should cause the computer to print a "1" and an "8". If it does not produce these numbers make a note of the numbers that result.

Step 4. Press shifted (CLR-HOME) key.

Step 5. Type - A=PEEK(45)+256*PEEK(46)-2 :
B=INT(A/256) : POKE 43,A-256*B : POKE44,B

Step 6. Load Program File "B".

Step 7. Type - POKE 43,1:POKE44,8. If the numbers on step three were different than the desired 1 and 8, substitute the numbers noted.

Step 8. Type - LIST - to check that the two programs were merged properly.

Step 9. Type - SAVE "NEW PROGRAM NAME",8.

BAD NEWS - GOOD NEWS

The bad news: We are sorry to announce that if you have not renewed your membership, this will be your last copy of our newsletter.

The good news: A renewal form has been included in this issue. Completion of this form will bring you twelve glorious months of our newsletter in addition to the many activities and benefits of club membership.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE : Commodore 1525 PRINTER, \$140.00. Call Lance, evenings at (817) 738-8135.

COMMODORE 64 OWNERS : Tired of software which doesn't do what you want it to? I write programs for home, personal or small business applications. Reasonable Rates. Call Steve at (817) 571-9180.

FOR SALE : VIC MODEM, \$50.00, usable with VIC 20 or Com. 64, brand new - still in box. Call Danny Branam at (817) 283-3621.

WANTED : Used Commodore VIC 20 COMPUTER and VIC MODEM. Call John Hand at (817) 656-1805.

JOHN HAND EXTENDS OFFER ON TAPES

Last month John Hand donated a large number of public domain programs which he purchased from a software company in Canada. John states that approximately half of these programs are improved versions of the previously donated software that we received from Taylor Computers. Users have found that many of the older programs did not work well on the Commodore 64. The newer set of programs has been rewritten specifically for the 64. In addition, the set includes many new programs which have not been seen before in this area.

In December, John offered to make tape copies of his original disks to club members. He is extending this service again this month at a cost of \$3.00 per tape. All programs listed on one disk will fit on one tape. Please note that the offer is to club members only. If you can use tape copies of these programs, call John Hand prior to the next meeting at (817) 656 - 1805. If you are interested in disk copies of these programs please contact the club librarians.